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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The twenty-first session of the Board will be opened by the President of the twentieth session, Mr. F. Pittaluga Fonseca (Uruguay).

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical distribution within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the twenty-first session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the African States in List A of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States in List A, the States in List B, and the States in List D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List C.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the session, based on the provisional agenda adopted by the Board at its twentieth session (IDB.20/Dec.11), and including supplementary items as indicated, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.21/1. The present document contains annotations for each item, followed by the documentation to be issued under each. A complete list of documents submitted under each item will be issued as a conference room paper.

Item 3. Annual report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1998

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. In its resolution GC.4/Res.2, the General Conference at its fourth session requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11.

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request Members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the Annual Report on the activities of the Organization. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

- Annual Report of UNIDO 1998 (IDB.21/10-PBC.15/10), including programme performance report for 1998
- Operational statistics and other appendices (IDB.21/11-PBC.15/11)
- List of technical cooperation projects (IDB.21/12-PBC.15/12)

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Item 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee "report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative."

The report of the Committee on the work of its fifteenth session will be reflected in document IDB.21/14. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations to the sub-items are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the fifteenth session of the Committee (PBC.15/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of draft decisions on sub-items 4 (b), 4 (d), 4 (e), 4 (f), 4 (g) and 4 (i).

4 (a) Interim financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 1998-1999

- Interim financial performance report for the biennium 1998-1999. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.21/9-PBC.15/9)

4 (b) Programme and budgets, 2000-2001

- Programme and budgets, 2000-2001. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.21/7-PBC.15/7)

- PBC conclusion 99/4

4 (c) Medium-term programme framework, 2000-2003

- Medium-term programme framework, 2000-2003. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.21/13-PBC.15/13)

4 (d) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses

- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2000-2001. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.21/3-PBC.15/3)

- PBC conclusion 99/5

4 (e) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2000-2001

- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2000-2001. Proposals by the Director-General (IDB.21/2-PBC.15/2)

- PBC conclusion 99/6

4 (f) Industrial Development Fund and other voluntary contributions

- Industrial Development Fund and other voluntary contributions. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/8-PBC.15/8)

- Lists of projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund in 1998. Prepared by the Secretariat (PBC.15/CRP.1)

- PBC conclusion 99/7

4 (g) Financial situation of UNIDO

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/4-PBC.15/4)

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.21/CRP.1-PBC.15/CRP.4), to be updated as of 30 May 1999

- PBC conclusion 99/3

4 (h) Cost-sharing issues with VIC-based organizations

- Cost-sharing issues with VIC-based organizations. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/5-PBC.15/5)

4 (i) Proposals for the appointment of an External Auditor

- Candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/6-PBC.15/6)

- Candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.15/CRP.2)

- PBC conclusion 99/8

4 (j) Implications of the euro for UNIDO

At its fifteenth session, the Committee adopted conclusion 99/1, in which it decided to add this item to the agenda of its fifteenth session, to be the sole item of discussion at a resumed session on 23 June 1999.

Item 5. Programmatic review, including system-wide issues

In resolution GC.7/Res.1 on policy framework of UNIDO, the General Conference endorsed the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO. The Conference called on the Director-General to take

action in specified areas and to report through the Industrial Development Board on the implementation of the resolution.

Other resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its seventh session called for reports to the eighth session through the Industrial Development Board on a number of items:

(a) Development of human resources for industry (GC.7/Res.3);

(b) Industrialization of the least developed countries (GC.7/Res.4);

(c) Africa (in particular the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa) (GC.7/Res.5);

(d) Arab countries programme for industrial development, including technical assistance to the Palestinian people (GC.7/Res.7);

(e) Latin America and the Caribbean (GC.7/Res.9).

Resolution 52/203 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-second session further developed various elements contained in earlier resolutions on the triennial policy review of the operational activities for development within the United Nations. In resolution 47/199 the General Assembly requested the governing bodies of the specialized agencies to take appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution and requested the respective executive heads to submit a yearly progress report to their governing bodies on measures taken and to be taken for its implementation.

- Progress in the transformation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/26-GC.8/10)

- Development of human resources for industry. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/23-GC.8/9)

- Industrialization of the least developed countries. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/15-GC.8/5)

- Implementation of the Business Plan in Africa. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/18-GC.8/6)

- Arab countries programme, including technical assistance to the Palestinian people. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/20-GC.8/7)

- Implementation of the Business Plan in Latin America and the Caribbean. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/21-GC.8/8)

- Operational activities for development. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/27)

Item 6. Financing of the integrated technical cooperation programmes in developing countries

This supplementary item is included at the request of the Group of 77 and China in accordance with rules 11 and 12. The supporting statement is contained in the following document:

- Financing of the integrated technical cooperation programmes in developing countries. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.21/17)

Item 7. Field representation

The inclusion of this supplementary item, as proposed by the Director-General in accordance with rules 11 and 12, addresses the interest expressed by Member States and is intended to provide the Board with up-to-date information on the field representation programme.

Resolution GC.7/Res.11 adopted by the General Conference at its seventh session requested the Director-General to develop and implement a final proposal for country coverage and location of country and subregional field offices, to ensure better coordination of activities between Headquarters and field offices, and to strengthen the financial and operational authority of the field offices. Subsequent reports to the Board provided information on the implementation of that resolution (IDB.19/11, IDB.20/16, IDB.19/CRP.8, IDB.20/CRP.4).

- Field representation. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/19)

Item 8. Performance indicators and evaluation

Among the mandates contained in resolution GC.7/Res.1 was a request to the Director-General to keep the Member States informed about the implementation of the Business Plan, *inter alia*, through a range of performance indicators. The efforts of the Secretariat in developing performance indicators were subsequently covered in a number of documents (IDB.19/CRP.2, IDB.20/17, IDB.20/CRP.5, PBC.15/CRP.3).

- Performance indicators and evaluation. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.21/24)

Item 9. Administrative matters

Personnel matters

By decision GC.1/Dec.37 the General Conference accepted the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension

Committee. In its decision GC.67/Dec.20 the Conference elected the two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 1998-1999. The Board may wish to recommend to the Conference at its eighth session candidates for election to the Committee for the years 2000 and 2001.

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute for UNIDO as of 1 January 1986. The Board will be informed of any actions taken recently by ICSC which are of relevance to UNIDO.

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/16)

Item 10. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Article 19.1 of the Constitution stipulates that the Director-General may, with the approval of the Board and subject to guidelines established by the General Conference: (a) enter into agreements establishing appropriate relationships with other organizations of the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations; (b) establish appropriate relations with non-governmental and other organizations, the work of which is related to that of the Organization; and that when establishing such relations with national organizations the Director-General shall consult with the Governments concerned.

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned above were established by the Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director-General shall: (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to accord consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

- Information on intergovernmental organizations. Note by the Director-General (IDB.21/25)

- Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status. Note by the Director-General (IDB.21/28)

Item 11. Preparations for the eighth session of the General Conference

At its seventh session, in decision GC.7/Dec.21, the General Conference decided that its eighth session should be held in Vienna from 29 November to 3 December 1999. In accordance with Article 9.4 of the Constitution, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference. A list of agenda items for consideration by the Conference will be included as an annex to the following document:

- Preparations for the eighth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director-General (IDB.21/22)

Item 12. Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-second session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-second session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.21/CRP.3)

Item 13. Adoption of the report

In accordance with rule 71, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.